

New Hartford Recreation Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Members Present: Steve Tuxbury, Don Govotski, Joe Petrarca, Tim Calder, and Sally O'Neill

Members Absent: Bob Martin and Ed Smith

Others Present: Recreation Director Christy Tellier, First Selectman Dan Jerram, Mr. and Mrs. Cassella, Recording Secretary Mary Baker

Approval of Minutes: Steve Tuxbury made motion, and Don Govotski 2nd to approve the minutes from September 3, 2014 meeting, Tim Calder and Sally O'Neill abstained from voting, all others were in favor, minutes approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment: Mr. Cassella asked about the potential for a long term agreement for boat mooring spaces. It was discussed and decided that yearly terms would serve the most amount of residents. Applications will be accepted from New Hartford Residents beginning on April 1, 2015 and will open to non-residents beginning April 22, 2015. No reservations or payments will be accepted prior to April 1.

There was further discussion about the mooring areas in regards to the concrete anchors that secure the boats. Individuals supply their own anchors, which is why people like having consistency in spaces, but it was agreed that the personal anchors should be removed at the end of each season.

Procedures and Policies:

Tracking registrations/Sales- Myrec POS System: Christy talked about an added module for the website that would be helpful in tracking beach sticker sales, as well as other sellable items (amusement park tickets, moorings, etc.) Would help providing auditors with more accurate tracking records for income and sales. The information would still need to be entered manually, but the reporting would be much more efficient. The module would be an additional \$495 per year. There was further discussion about using credit cards on the website. Further information will be obtained from the town attorney, as well as the software company to determine feasibility of accepting credit cards.

Sally made a motion to upgrade the MyRec software by adding the point of sale module at a cost of \$495.00 per year. Don Govotski 2nd. Motion passes.

Cabin usage at Brodie: Dan advised the Commission that some shingles came off the roof of Berkshire Hall. Don Birden was able to make the repair. The roof is approximately 4-5 years old.

Christy addressed the growing demand for storage space by other organizations, that there is no formal agreement between the organizations and the town. It was agreed that there should be a more formal agreement with the organizations stating what types of items are stored and where. Certificates of insurance should also be obtained.

Designation / Signage at Browns Corner: A suggest was made about signage at Brown's Corner outlining the rules of the park. It was discussed, but the commission was in agreement that park rules should remain as guidelines that broadly cover all the parks. Additional signage regarding no dogs on the playing fields were suggested for Browns.

Review of Scheduled Activities:

Movie Night Oct. 10, 2014 at Brodie a screen has been ordered and should be coming in.

Fall Fun Day – October 18 ,2014 Craft activities will be hosted by the Rec Department, children to trick or treat at downtown businesses.

A Game Night is being planned for November and Caroling in December.

Christy was at New Hartford Day and spoke with a number of residents about their ideas and suggestions for activities.

Financial Review: Steve asked about the Wayne's Line Striping expenditure. Dan advised it was for the basketball court lines at Brodie, Browns and Callahan. There was a question about the Charter & AT&T bills, specifically what services were being paid for and if they were needed. Christy will look into it for the next meeting. Tim asked about the Stanclift line item. The arrangement allowing New Hartford Residents to use Stanclift Cove was discussed and Tim suggested it be more publicized that it is an option for New Hartford Residents.

Further discussion was had regarding a sight plan for the wetland area at Brodie, sand on the beach, and drainage issues, as well as the mooring area. There was discussion of forming a subcommittee to develop plans that can executed in 2016 when the lake is scheduled to be drained lower than normal to allow for repair work. An engineer will need to be consulted. Also will begin a master plan for Callahan Park.

Election of Chairman: Dan Jerram asked to have a Chairman elected.

Joe Petrarca made a motion to elect Sally O'Neill as Chairman for the Recreation Commission. Don Govotski 2nd.

Sally said she would agree to the position, but insisted that the commission needed to commit to speaking up and working as a team.

Vote was unanimous. Motion Passes.

Any Other Business: Dan Jerram advised the Commission that a parcel of land on Cottage St., across from Callahan Park had been accepted as town property. It has potential for future consideration.

Don Govotski made a motion, seconded by Steve Tuxbury to adjourn at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Baker, Recording Secretary